

Bedford Police Department



2019

Annual Report

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Chief's Message



Every day the men and women of the Bedford Police Department embody the motto of the department, which is “we choose character over compromise”.

The officers spend time going into unknown and dangerous situations to ensure that the Town of Bedford is the best and safest community in which to live. Bedford’s officers prove their dedication to the community through all of the activities and involvement in the community.

The officers are dedicated to the mission of community oriented policing in which we interact with the public. Sir Robert Peele’s principle number 7 paraphrased is “the public are the police and the police are the public”. He goes on to state that the officers are paid to perform these duties. The officers of the Town of Bedford demonstrate this principle with their dedication to serv-

ing every member of the community and those who work or travel through the area. Bedford Police officers, because of this dedication, found many opportunities to positively interact with the residents we serve through programs such as COP Camp, Community, Community meetings, business security checks, and our GTO (Growth Through Opportunity) program. The Bedford Police Department connects with the community on social media with Facebook, Twitter.

The Bedford Police Department has been in the self-assessment phase to be accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The Bedford Police Department was recognized as second by departments our size for our traffic safety program by the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police. The Department strives to attain this achievement yearly. In addition, in 2019 the department was recognized by the International Association of Chiefs of Police for the training and mental health programs.

The department is always striving to provide the best services to our community. 2019 marks my fifth year as Chief of the Bedford Police Department and I could not be prouder of the sworn officers and civilian staff who represent the department. We will continue our efforts to keep the citizens of the Town of Bedford safe from crime and the fear of crime.

None of our success in 2019 would have been possible without the dedication of the men and women of the Bedford Police Department-both sworn and civilian-who put the well-being of others first to ensure that our community remains of one of the best Towns in Virginia and the country.

Our Command Staff has more than 75 years of law enforcement experience and knowledge. The Department has over 180 years of law enforcement Experience. Not to bad for a small agency!

Who is Chief Foreman?

Born in Pennsylvania, he spent 16 years in the Army National Guard before beginning his career in law enforcement . He first was a Correction Officer with Dillwyn Correctional Center in 1993. Chief Foreman has been with the Bedford PD since 1996, coming up through the ranks of Sergeant 2001, Lieutenant 2009, and then being appointed Chief in 2014.

He’s sits with several committees and boards, including Secretary of the Blue Ridge Chief’s Association and Chair of Central Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program. He’s also members of The Virginia Highway Safety Traffic Committee (VACP) and Crime Prevention committee (IACP). He was past president of South West Crime Prevention Association.

He received his Bachelor of Science and his Master’s Degree from Liberty University. He was selected and attended the FBI National Academy session 237 and attended the Professional Executive Leadership School at the University of Richmond in 2012

As if that’s not enough, he teaches future leaders at the University of Richmond, Professional Executive Leadership-Budgeting and Institute for Leadership in changing times.

He’s married to Jennifer for 22 years and has one son, William, who’s a film student. You can catch him many mornings riding his bicycle to work trying to beat his previous mornings time.



Mission, Vision, Values

Mission

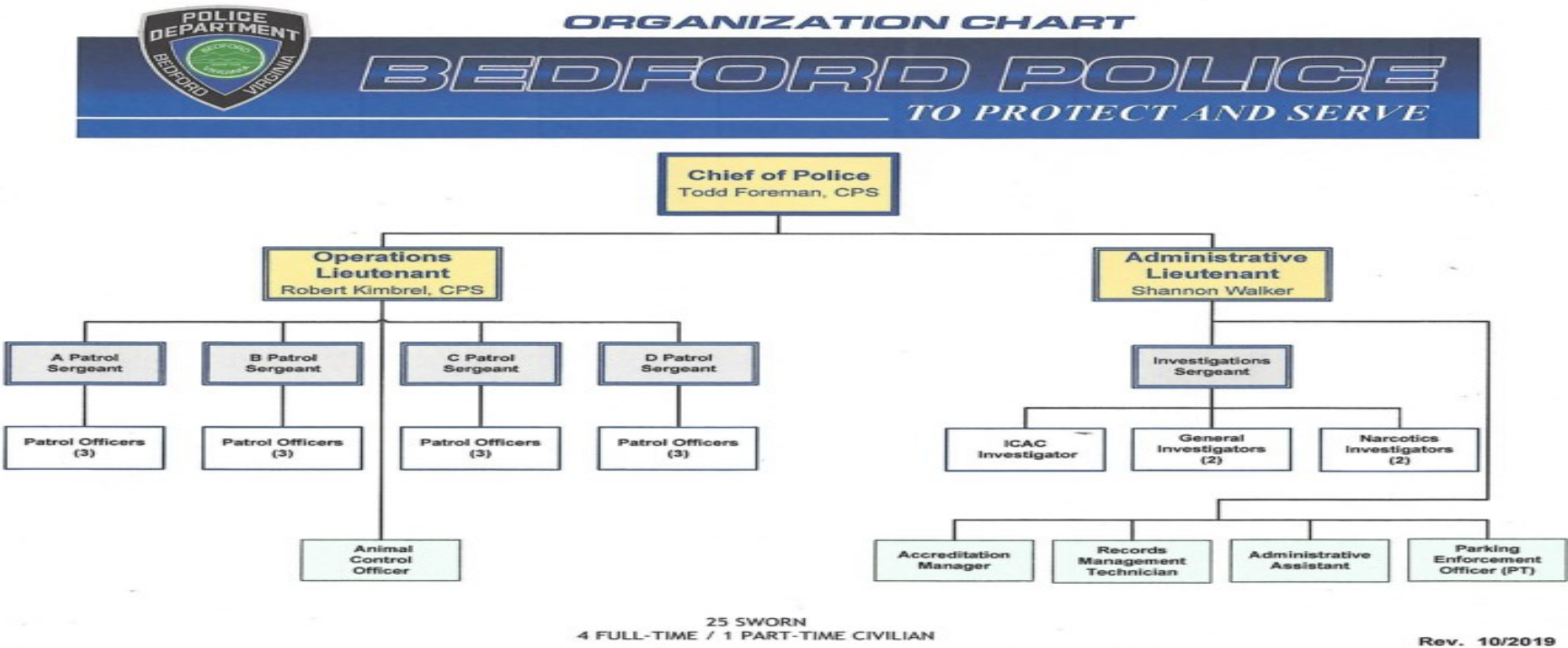
The Bedford Police Department is dedicated to improving the quality of life of all people by creating a safe environment in partnership with the diverse community we serve. We act with integrity to reduce fear and crime while treating all with respect, compassion and fairness to build trust.

Vison

To keep Bedford a safe place to live and visit.

Values

*Respect, Integrity, Courage, Teamwork,
Innovation*



History



Based on history books from Jennifer Thomason with the Bedford Museum, the first Sergeant for Bedford Police Department was Daniel Aunspaugh in 1835. Back then the Sergeant not only was head of the Police Department but also over water, sewer and electric. He also paid the bills, took in money and chased down back taxes. There was a Sergeant from 7am-7pm and another sergeant was hired from 7pm-7am. How much he was paid for all these duties is unknown, but the pay by 1888 was \$30.00 a month. A new ordinance was passed as "Any Sergeant, Deputy Sergeant, or Police Officer that gets drunk, especially on duty will be terminated". This ordinance was based on a night officer doing just that while on duty.

As the 1900's came in, the forming of street force and chain gangs were on the minds of council and Sergeant H.V. Jordon. A special police officer was hired for Saturdays from 6pm –midnight. If he was needed for any others times, the court would have responsibility to pay him. Salaries increased for the officers to \$40.00 a month. By the 1920's some salaries were upped to \$125.00 a month or \$1,500.00 a year. Sergeant/Chief H.T.Cottrell was investigated for "conduct unbecoming a Police Officer" and was asked to resign.

Night watchmen were technically "hired" and sworn in the 1930's. They were not paid. Chief H.P. Wright offered to rent his POV to the town for night service at the rate of \$25.00 a month.

In 1940 a little more action happened. The decision was made that the Town have it's own jail. The Deputy and his wife will be paid to take care of the prisoners. Pay was increased by \$15.00 a month and the Town would defray half the costs for the officers to have uniforms. In 1946 Chester Wilkinson was hired as a motorcycle officer. It's a little unsure if the PD even had a motorcycle at this point. They did however, purchase one in 1948. Sirens were purchased for the "town car" that was frequently used for police work. A new police car was purchased with a 2-way radio. By the end of the 1940's, the town has 420 prisoners and the county 265. The Deputy and his wife in charge of taking care of the prisoners asked for a raise, due to having to feed them all.



1950 marked the year the Bedford Police Department became "official". The motorcycle didn't last long at the PD as it was sold in 1950. Since the cars that were being utilized for police work had 100,000 miles on them, they bought a new Ford. The town suggested to the Chief to get quotes for riot guns and the need for 2-way radios in town cars as well as PD cars. The Chief uses his POV and will need compensation for mileage and a 2-way radio. Martinsville City Farm is taking town prisoners to work the farm. New summer uniforms, teletype machine and a new communication

officers are what's in store for the 1950's. The Chief of Police is now responsible for the cemeteries in town. By 1955, the PD was moving uptown, in that RADAR was coming and cars were being replaced every year. Parking meters were being placed in town and a new police woman was to be hired as a crossing guard for the school and checking parking meters.

The 1960's brought in a new dog pound since dogs were running rampant through the streets and an ordinance for DUI was passed. Concern of a nuclear attack and what the PD's responsibility would be was on the mind. Since the PD was short staffed, they utilized the policewomen that were being used as crossing guards to help the department. The idea for training a police officer has come to light. Going forward all officers would have "formal" training. The first African American police officer was hired. Being drunk in public 3 times is now a misdemeanor and you will go to jail. The Police Department now had a new home in the basement of the Municipal Building.



The hippie generation has invaded the 1970's. Marijuana is on the rise. Virginia as a whole is wanting to decriminalize the sale, use and distribution of marijuana but the Town isn't going for it and made a ruling that we will **not** decriminalize marijuana. The PD will treat it as any other illegal substance. New unit costs \$3,200.00. BAC for drunk driving has been reduced to .10. A regional Investigations Squad has been formed due to increasing homicides that are unsolved.

Break-ins in the Town are rising. An officer has now been put on foot in town even the night time hours to help decrease them. Riot control equipment is bought. Rehabilitation of some prisoners is being worked out with the Martinsville City Farm. The PD is getting a 7% increase in salaries.

Going through the Council minutes books, the 1980's were a little slower than past years. However, Council recommended that the Police Department now have a Lieutenant on staff and that was passed. The PD asked for approval of implementing the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in schools. To which Council considered it a good idea and allowed it to pass. The Town will now share responsibility of the Animal Shelter with the County.



Automatic weapons replaced revolvers in the 1990's. The officers started using a Sig Sauer P229, .40 caliber. E911 was established within the town as a means to better reach emergency personnel in case of crisis.

Several upgrades and changes happened in the 2000's. The uniform patch was changed to ... To celebrate the year 2000, a new badge was used to commemorate the millennium. The current badge was adopted after the opening of the D-Day Memorial in 2001. Officers were trained on the use of and issued Tasers. Hours were changed from 8 to 12 per shift. The Bike Patrol was started with the first four going through the Police Cyclist Course.



In the 2010's the patch was reverted back to the one prior to 2010. Lawfit, a program to help officers gauge fitness and stay in shape was started. The officers have several exercises they must complete and pass, including bench press, sit and reach and running. Once Career Enhancement, a program for officers to reach for higher goals and be rewarded for the extra efforts, started around 2013, Lawfit was then made a part of it. Sometime after 2014 the duty weapon was changed to a .40 caliber Sig Sauer P320. Lt. Todd Foreman was made Chief of Police in 2014.

***Some of these facts may be off a year or two but are still facts from the Minutes of the Town Council. Putting the history together was just scratching the surface of the Bedford Police Department. It could not have been without the help of Jennifer Thomson, who works at the Bedford Museum. Jennifer is diligently working on a complete history of the Bedford Police Department and hopefully a book to reflect all the officers and command staff of the police department and changes to the department. To find out more or if you have history to share, contact Jennifer at the Bedford Museum: librarian@bedfordvamusium.org or 540.586.4520*

Administrative Lieutenant



Lieutenant Shannon Walker, Administrative Lieutenant, wears many hats. Not only is he over investigations, grant management, accreditation, he also is the command for officer personnel and the parking enforcement officer.

When someone applies for an officers position, Lt. Walker screens and processes each applicant, coordinates the interviewing process, and physical agility testing.

Once the candidate has passed all of this

an offer of employment is then considered. New hires will continue under Lt. Walker's leadership until they begin their field training program.

In 2019, Bedford Police Department managed to write and be awarded a JAG grant that was used for in car cameras, radars and other equipment to up fit our patrol cars.

Lt. Walker has been diligent in writing grants for the Bedford PD. We were also awarded DMV grants for DWI and Speeding. The Selective Enforcement-Alcohol in the amount of \$7,200 is used on overtime for Bedford PD officers to spend time on the road during times that, as determined by DMV statistics, are prime times in which drivers are more often under the influence of alcohol.

The Selective Enforcement– Speeding in the amount of \$5250 works typically the same way. Bedford officers will patrol areas of high speeding issues and issue tickets.

Lt. Walker spends approximately 104 hours a year per grant in monitoring and keeping clear records for the DMV and other governing agencies.

By researching and writing these grants, it saves the town a great deal of money that would otherwise need to be spent in helping Bedford PD be the best agency it can be or we would not be able to aid the Town in many areas that is much needed in today's environment.

Biography

Lieutenant Shannon Walker graduated Liberty University in 2000 after being granted a four year scholarship for Tennis, with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Government.

He started with Bedford PD in 2005 as a Police Officer. He has also held the roles of Investigator, Patrol Sergeant and Operations Lieutenant.

Lt. Walker has received commendations from the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, Chief of Police, Bedford Fire and Rescue and the United States Marshals Office. He was Bedford PD's Officer of the Year in 2009 and a graduate of the 79th session of the Virginia Forensic Science Academy.

He is a Life Member of Bedford Life Saving Crew and currently a part time firefighter/ medic with Bedford Fire and Rescue.

He's been married to his wife Crystal for over 13 years. In his off time, he enjoys hunting, golf, tree work and Crossfit.



Investigations

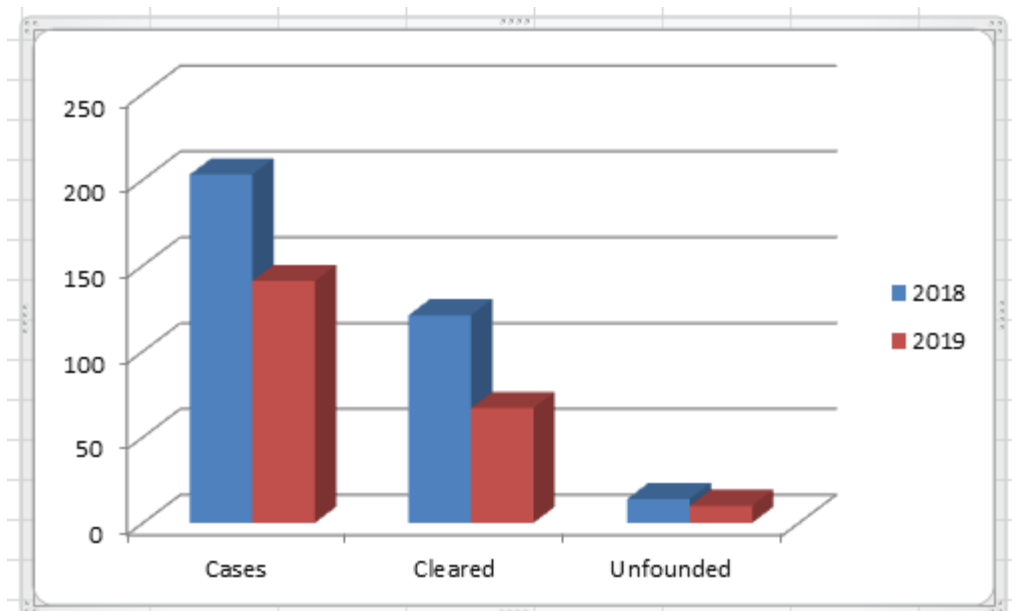
Our investigative unit consists of one sergeant that supervises the daily operations of the criminal and narcotics division. The Sergeant has four investigators. When full staffed, two investigators main responsibility would be criminal crimes and two will investigate narcotics. One of those investigators would also be assigned to ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children).

These officers rotate out every three to five years. These positions are the first to move as vacancies occur in our Patrol division. When Patrol has too many vacancies, investigators will be moved to patrol to help keep the first line operating.

In the event of a report of Domestic Violence or Elder Abuse, the sergeant would step in to direct investigations. We are not involved with sex offender registry or reporting but will take fingerprints for the State Police.

In the event of a sexual in nature call, officers can take the report but cannot close it out even if the plaintiff does not want to press charges. The sergeant of investigations must go over the report in full and reach out to the plaintiff before closing out the report.

Over all, cases were down in 2019 with approximately 47% cleared.



We use an interview room to talk with witnesses, suspects and plaintiffs. In the unlikely event a polygraph is needed, we would utilize the State Police to administer it for us and report results.. Many times during an investigation it becomes necessary to execute a search warrant. The investigator will get the paperwork together send it over the Magistrate for approval. They will always, as a precaution, take a marked unit with them to avoid any confusion. They would free the marked unit up once everything is secure.



Operations Lieutenant



Robert joined the Bedford Police Department in 2017 when he was hired as the Lieutenant of Operations. As the Operations Lieutenant he works directly for the Chief of Police and oversees Uniform Patrol, Community Policing, Crime Prevention, Animal Control, Training, and is the Department's Defensive Weapons Range master. In addition to maintaining the department armory and overseeing the training facility, he also supervises the training and qualification of all department firearms to include pistol, shotgun, rifle, and less lethal projectiles. He is an instructor for CSI, Combined Tactical Systems that include 37mm and 40mm grenade launchers, aerosol defense, irritant & smoke munitions, impact munitions, flash bangs, sting ball grenades, fuzes & components, and breaching munitions. Robert is a Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services Certified Crime Prevention Specialist (CPS) and serves

on the Virginia Crime Prevention Training Advisory Committee (CPTAC). Robert received a certification in Weapons of Mass Destruction from LSU and is a magna cum laude honor graduate of Saint Leo University. He is a member of the Delta Epsilon Sigma Scholastic Honor Society, the National Public Safety Scholastic Honor Society, and Sigma Tau Gamma. Robert is a member of several law enforcement professional organizations to include the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police (VACP), International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA), and the International Association for Property and Evidence (IAPE). Robert is a current or past member of several professional organizations representing law enforcement trainers and firearms instructors.

Robert Kimbrel has been in the law enforcement profession spanning three decades. He started his career in Hampton Roads, Virginia in 1991 serving as a police officer in the coastal city of Poquoson, Virginia. During this time he gained exposure to various specialized areas of law enforcement including special operations, counter-narcotics, and counter-terrorism. As part of this specialized training he successfully completed the U.S. Army helicopter crew training and participated in on-going helicopter based operations in the skies over Virginia. In the 90's, he was chosen by the City of Poquoson to lead their Total Quality Management Team for the Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce. Robert would go on to become the very first Master Police Officer in the department's history. Over the next 20 years, Robert served as a supervisor for personnel assigned to the uniform patrol, training, and criminal investigations divisions. He served as the Director of Crime Prevention, Public Information Officer, Crisis/Hostage Negotiator and served as their Lead Firearms Instructor, and as a United States Department of Defense Military Combat Arms Range master. He was the department coordinator for the Peninsula Crime Line / Crime Stoppers program. In 2008, Robert received a Life-saving Award and was the recipient of an Officer of the Year Award presented by the Fraternal Order of Police during a ceremony held at the FOP Lodge in Hampton, Virginia. In 2011, Robert was commissioned as a State Conservation Officer for the Department of Conservation and Recreation by Virginia Governor Bob McDonnell. He served as the Chief Ranger and Assistant Park Manager at Occaneechee State Park in Clarksville, Virginia. While serving with DCR he was appointed to the Conservation Officers' Workgroup which provided law enforcement training to all conservation officers statewide. He would later return to municipal law enforcement when he accepted the position of Chief of Police in Amherst, Virginia.

Robert considers the police as the guardians of the Constitution and stresses the importance that all people shall be treated fairly and equally and their rights shall not be infringed.



Patrol

Sixteen is the magic number of officers on Patrol at the Bedford Police Department. Those numbers vary during the course of a year. Facebook, word of mouth and other means of advertisement are used as a recruitment tool. Platoons of three plus a Sergeant, round out each of four shifts rotating days and nights.

Many of the candidates we hire have not been certified and must go through 22 weeks at the Cardinal Academy, then at least 12 with a FTO (Field Training Officer), once they graduate. Upon finishing FTO at 12 weeks, the new officer will cost the department \$31,063 including salary. Even after that training , many hours go into making sure he/she is ready for the real world of police work.

In addition to 40 hours per year of in-service training, the Bedford Police Department requires that officers participate in annual training in several different subject areas. Some of these areas include diplomatic law, biased based policing, legal update, tactical handcuffing, TASER, use of force, police baton, aerosol chemical, infectious pathogens, sudden in-custody death, and Line of Duty Act training.

One of the police department’s training priorities is that of improving the way that law enforcement deals with people experiencing problems such as depression, anxiety disorders, psychosis, and substance use disorders. Our goal is to have 100% of our officers successfully complete Mental Health First Aid and/or Crisis Intervention Team training. Currently, we have officers trained in both Mental Health First Aid and CIT on each patrol shift.

The physical work performance test is an obstacle course that consists of running and successfully managing several obstacles that includes jumping over a span of three feet, going over a wall that is five feet tall, crawling under an obstacle that is 24 inches high and 10 feet long, stair steps, crawling through a window, identifying a suspect after being given a description, dragging a 150+ pound dummy, and a trigger pull exercise. The course must be completed in less than 1 minute, 30 seconds.

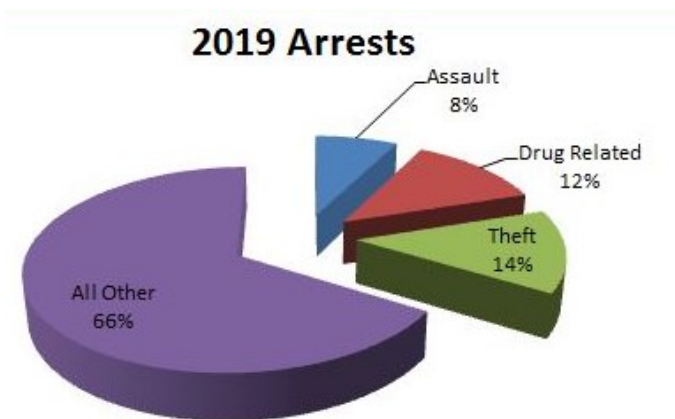


We hired two new officers in 2019. Both are still with the agency.. We lost nine officers in 2019 or 34.6%. This leaves our department short and/or spending much of their time training new employees.



We assist outside agencies nearly every day. In addition to other law enforcement agencies, we assist the Department of Social Services, Probation and Parole, Horizons Mental Health and several other agencies and organizations. Joint security assessments of locations in and around town with Bedford County Sheriff's Office is common as well.

Bedford Police Department pounded the pavement in 2019. A total of twenty-six officers and our Command responded to 16,419 complaints from our citizens. 755 of those complaints resulted in arrests and 1,731 resulted in traffic citations.



Accreditation



Kendall Herndon is the Accreditation Manager for Bedford Police Department. This is a full time civilian position. Kendall is responsible for making sure all our policies have their I's dotted and t's crossed. Many regular and overtime hours have been spent by Kendall. She has kept the officers hoping to make sure they have understanding of all policies. In all, 95 of policies have been updated, and/or rewritten to adhere to CALEA standards. In some cases officers had to refresh themselves to understand the policies more clearly.

Preparations started in June 2017 for CALEA certification. Assessment for this nationally accredited membership will take place in June 2020 In November 2020 Chief Foreman and Kendall will travel to Little Rock, Arkansas to accept the award and certificate..

Having this certification allows greater accountability within the agency., making them better able to defend themselves against civil lawsuits . It can reduce the risk and liability insurance costs.

Evidence



In many cases, our people wear more than one hat. This is the case with Kendall. She is the Evidence Custodian for the PD as well.

In this role, Kendall handles and tracks both evidence and property ensuring the chain of custody is maintained for all items of evidence. She makes sure the final disposition of all evidence is carried out. She submits yearly, any unclaimed property to the Commonwealth of Virginia Treasury.

To destroy property she must have the court and

Chief of Police signatures and ensure the case file matches the evidence to be destroyed. Once it's destroyed she has to log it in our RMS with date and time. Found and stolen property has to be advertised in the newspaper and over the internet for at least 30 days. She processes more than 20 pieces of evidence monthly. Drugs and drug paraphernalia are the most commonly destroyed items from evidence.

Kendall would be the go to person for release of any evidence. Again, she must get signatures from the judge, Commonwealth Attorney and the Chief of Police, along with the permission of the officer involved.

Biography

Kendall grew up in Forest. After graduating from Jefferson Forest HS she obtained her BS in Criminal Justice , Applied Criminology from Ferrum College. Attending Cop Camp at Bedford PD encouraged her interest in law enforcement. She was a counselor for Cop Camp while in college until she became employed with Bedford PD. She came onboard 2017 part time and became full time in 2019,

Kendall enjoys spending time with her family and friends and her dog Ozzie. She also enjoys coaching high school cheerleaders. She's been blessed with the opportunity to work in an area true to her heart.



Administrative Office



The cheerful voice you hear upon calling the Bedford Police Department is that of Connie Tuck. Connie is the Administrative Assistant for the Police Department. This is a civilian position and reports to the Command Staff.

Responsibilities of this office are wide and varied. Time-keeping and Payroll are near the top of that list. A new electronic time keeping system was purchased in 2019 and is being implemented. The finishing touches with exceptions and training of all staff members are almost complete. This will save time for the officers and staff members alike as well as helping to save the trees.

Besides the Time Clock Plus, this office is responsible for paying the bills and reconciling PCards and ensuring the budget is within guidelines. She orders all office supplies, updates the Police section of the Town website and Facebook page, write and edits reports. She is now a Notary Public for the Police Department. Connie assists the Chief and the Police Department with general office duties and information. Some of the more fun duties are Cop Camp, National Night Out and other events the Police Department is involved in.

Biography

Although Connie is new to the Bedford Police Department, she brings a wealth of experience and knowledge. With more than 20 years in the HR field, she changed paths when she relocated to SC in 2016. She was most recently working for Berkeley County Sheriff's Office in SC as a Supply and Logistics Specialist, gaining a great amount of knowledge of law enforcement.

Connie is a native Virginian and has settled in Bedford with her husband David and their 3yo Boykin Spaniel, Bodie. Her step-son Geoff, is a Captain with Roanoke Fire and Rescue; daughter-in-law Devon, an accomplished chef and one grandson, Easton. Enjoying finding new places to camp and the creative side of art keeps her young and at peace.

Animal Control



Our Animal Control Officer, Rhonda Armsworthy takes care of all animal related issues within the Town limits. She's a civilian and been with Bedford PD for 2 years. She takes calls Monday-Friday during the daytime hours. Along with collecting strays and taking them to Bedford Animal Shelter, our Animal Control Officer investigates animal cruelty. She patrols area where animals may be like Liberty Lake Park to check on the geese.

In 2019, Animal Control responded to 290 calls

Citizens have come to expect her in local areas as she loves all animals and takes her job seriously.

Biography

Rhonda has always loved animals. She worked for a couple veterinarians offices in years past. In one she spent 18 years caring for our furry friends. She worked for Roanoke City Animal Control for 8 years before coming to Bedford PD.

She enjoys spending time with her personal pets; 2 dogs, 1 cat and a snake named Arora. She has 3 daughters and three grand-daughters she loves with all her heart.

Records Management



The Records Department of the Bedford Police Department is responsible for “crunching” numbers for statistics each month. Kelly Mitchell is also responsible for entering all traffic citations and parking tickets. In the 10 years our Records Technician has been with us, she has entered 18,437 traffic citations and parking tickets through 2019.

Kelly makes sure that all necessary documents are sent to the appropriate courts as well as to the Commonwealth Attorney’s Office for prosecution of arrests our officers have made. Once a case has been settled, the officer brings back the disposition or verdict as it’s commonly called and then it’s entered with the associated case or citation.

Reports involving family issues are also processed through here for the Bedford County Department of Social Services. We do not want to leave anyone without a possible resource for assistance during the difficult times. We also assist the Medical Examiner’s Office when reports and photos are needed for certain cases.

Reviewing and uploading traffic accidents to DMV and even issuance of any report is handled here. There are a lot of differences under FOIA as to what can be released for a traffic crash as opposed to another type of incident, especially if there is a pending court date. Our goal is to get you the information you need while following the guidelines FOIA has set out.

Our Records Technician has spearheaded the logistics of Cop Camp beginning in 2010. To date, \$65,303.84 has been raised in cash donations with a mail out campaign throughout our and neighboring counties. This does not include gift cards, products, meals, door prizes, etc. The camp continues to grow every year with 2019 having the largest number of kids enrolled at 175.

We have a new Records Management System called SOMA that we hope to have up and running around October. This new system should be much more user friendly. The reporting side of it will be easier and more efficient than the former Crystal Reporting. With Eticket, the officers can put in their own tickets.

Biography

Born and raised in Lynchburg, Kelly is a native to the area. After graduating from Bluefield College with her degree in Criminal Justice, Kelly returned to the area to spend the next 18 years working for an independent insurance adjusting firm in Lynchburg. In October of 2009 she came on as our Records Management Technician and has enjoyed the challenges of the position.

Family, friends, pets, and being out in the sun and close to water are just some of her hobbies. Kelly recently sold her home and moved to Roanoke. She is the youngest of four children and is labeled as Aunt Kel by both family and friends’ children. She has been blessed watching her nieces and nephews grow into responsible and compassionate young men and women.



Bike Patrol

Our officers have been peddling since 2008. Lt. Walker and Sgt Dooley have been involved since the beginning. Lt. Walker is an IPMBA instructor and Sgt. Dooley is an IPMBA mechanic and continues to maintain all of our bikes.

We have 10 members of this patrol who are required to ride an average of four hours per month. These members come from all shifts of Patrol and Command.

They ride the entire town and have recently been focusing on the shopping centers and down town. They are a big asset to the events in town like Centerfest and National Night Out.

During 2019, Lt. Walker taught a 40 hour class to keep our bike patrol up to date. We also gave a bike safety class for kids at Little Light Learning Center.



Lt. Walker and Sgt. Dooley participated in the filming of the bicycle movie, Max VO2

Fleet



Our fleet consists of 30 units; 10 marked, 10 unmarked, 5 investigators, 3 for Command, 1 training and a spare for special operations. In 2019, we purchased one unit, a marked SUV as a supervisors unit.

We applied for and was granted the Byrne Justice Grant for \$85,000. The is a JAG (Justice Assistance Grant). This type of grant provides for one, local government, with critical funding necessary to support program areas. Bedford PD used this grant to upgrade our units with

Watchguard in car cameras for all marked units. This grant also allowed us to put trunk mounts for all LTL (less than lethal) shotguns, in car dual racks for rifle and shotguns to be secured and a power docking station for of the Mobile DATA terminals.

We have one specially marked unit recognizing the D Day soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in 1944.

Our units are in operation, on average, 12 hours a day, 365 days per year without a break. They each average 20,000-25,000 miles per year and are rotated out at approximately 100,000. Of course this is dependent upon constant repairs, engine, performance etc. A local business, SML Signs stripes our units and Patriot Safety Supply in Lynchburg installs the equipment.

Besides small fender benders, we had only one substantial crash in 2019 during a pursuit, causing approximately \$3,800 in damages.

Parking Enforcement



Jim Pike is Bedford PD's Parking Enforcement Officer. Jim is a part-time civilian. He walks the streets of Town 27 hours a week writing parking tickets and interacting with the public. Fees collected from the parking tickets are used in the General Fund for the Town.

He also hangs public notices and delivers court papers. In 2019, he issued 532 parking tickets. That's more than double the tickets issued in the past 2 years.

Community Events



Cop Camp 2019 was a success and continues to get bigger and better every year. More than 170 kids from our area and surrounding areas had a week full of fun and festivities.

More than \$7,300.00 was donated by local individuals and businesses as well as drinks, reduced or free lunches, gift cards, etc.

Our officers recruited officers from other agencies to help with the events and demonstrations.



In June 2019, Bedford celebrated the Final Salute to the soldiers of Codename Operation Neptune more commonly known as D-Day. Approximately 12,000 people from as far away as France, came to pay tribute to these men and women who fought and many died for freedom.

Bedford Police Department headed this event with the help of 8 surrounding law enforcement offices and 6 emergency, hospital and fire agencies.



The Bedford PD helped with Centerfest and even had a “cool car” show. Law enforcement agencies from all over the region and out of state brought the best of their fleet for a chance to win. All money from the car show is given to Special Olympics. Over 260.00 was raised and given to the Special Olympics of Virginia.



National Night Out is an event that promotes community building between the police and the community along with neighborhood camaraderie. It is observed annually on the first Tuesday of August. It goes side by side the Bedford Police Departments “Community Policing”. The best way to build a safe community to is to know your neighbors and your surroundings. Its’s creates a culture that keeps the public and police from being isolated from each other and allows both to rediscover the community we live in.



Bedford VA Police Department has over 8440 followers